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Declared February 18: A female child, aged 7 years, residing at Saul street, removed to plague hospital same day.

Plague-infected rats were found on the premises where the above-mentioned persons were employed, and also in the immediate vicinity of the child's home, prior to the discovery of the plague cases.

PLAGUE HOSPITAL.

Admitted to hospital during the week	3
Died	0
Discharged	0
Remaining under treatment.....	5

Contacts have been kept under supervision, and no case has arisen amongst them.

RATS.

Report for week ending February 19.

Examined at the Bacteriological Institute.....	389
Destroyed, but not examined.....	32
Infected	1

B. BURNETT HAM,
Commissioner of Public Health.

BRAZIL.

Report from Bahia.—Vital statistics for December, 1903.

The following is received from Consul Furniss:

Maximum temperature, 29°; minimum, 25°; average, 27° 20'; average relative humidity, 75° 30'; rainfall, 30 mm.; rainy days, 4; prevailing winds, N. to NE.

Lepers in hospital at close of last month.....	16	CAUSE OF DEATH—continued.	
Male	10	Cirrhosis of liver	4
Female	6	Death by violence	7
Died during month	0	Dementia	3
Entered	0	Diarrhea and dysentery	31
Left	0	Epilepsy	2
Remaining.....	16	Erysipelas	3
Vaccinated by city	13	Fever, malarial	17
Deaths	318	Fever, puerperal	2
Male	172	Fever, enteric	1
Female	146	Gangrene	1
NATIONALITY:		Hepatitis	10
African	16	Intestinal obstructions	12
Brazilian	296	Meningitis	7
Portuguese	6	Myelitis	1
CAUSE OF DEATH.		Nephritis	6
Alcoholism	2	Organic diseases of heart	17
Aneurism	4	Pleurisy	1
Arterio-sclerosis	7	Pneumonia	6
Asthma	1	Rachitis	2
Beriberi	4	Rheumatism	2
Bright's disease	7	Senile debility	20
Bronchitis	21	Septicæmia	1
Cancer	6	Syphilis	7
Cerebral hemorrhage and congestion	10	Tetanus	5
		Tetanus neonatorum	8
		Tuberculosis (pulmonary)	4
		Tuberculosis (other)	2
		Umbilical hemorrhage	2
		Uremia	2
		Other causes	33